

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 1, lines 7-27 as follows:

This application is related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/964,999~~ No. 09/964,999, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD OF ASCERTAINING REMOTE SYSTEMS ~~OPERABILITY~~ ACCESSIBILITY BEFORE ~~RUBBING~~ RUNNING REMOTE COMMANDS by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application.

This application is related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No. 09/965,001, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD OF PROVIDING A PLUGGABLE USER INTERFACE by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application, now US Patent No. 6,990,655.

This application is also related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No. 09/964,998, entitled ~~APPARATUS~~ APPARATUS AND METHOD OF PROVIDING COMMON DISTRIBUTED SERVICES FOR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS ACROSS HETEROGENEOUS ENVIRONMENTS by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application, now US Patent No. 6,880,151.